

House Resolution No. 1863

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since Ray Burd, Jr. lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Flora Elizabeth Freeman, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend McTeer and witnessed by Mrs. Roscoe Freeman, mother of the bride, Burnie Orr, and Velma Harris on March 17, 1945, in Springfield; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ray and Elizabeth Burd have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include two daughters and two sons-in-law, Vickie and Johnny Steep of Buffalo and Valerie and Randy Willis of Long Lane; their grandchildren, Shawn Stepp and his wife, Betsy, Shannon Stepp, Miranda and McKenzie Willis, Josh Fullton, and John Hicks; and their great-grandchildren, Hailee Stepp and Daisy and Codi Lancaster; and

Whereas, Ray Burd has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a farmer and a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Elizabeth Freeman has further distinguished herself as a beautician since 1947; and

Whereas, Ray and Elizabeth Burd derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Pisgah Baptist Church, a place of worship that has special meaning to them as cherished members; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Burd, residents of Long Lane, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on March 17, 2005:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ray and Elizabeth Burd and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burd, Jr.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1863, adopted April 5, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker